BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY RECEIVED

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Re: BellSouth's Motion for the Establishment of)	Ÿ	
New Performance Assurance Plan)	Docket No. 04-00150	
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PETITION TO INTERVENE OF COMPSOUTH

Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. ("CompSouth")¹ petitions the Authority to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T C.A. § 4-5-310(a).

CompSouth is a coalition of competitive local exchange carriers certified by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA"). This proceeding will address, among other things, the terms and conditions under which CompSouth members may operate in Tennessee. Specifically, this proceeding will address performance measures and penalties regarding the wholesale provision of services and network elements to CompSouth members. Therefore, the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests of CompSouth's members may be affected or determined by the outcome of this proceeding. Granting this petition will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings.

CompSouth, therefore, asks that this Petition to Intervene be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The members of CompSouth include Access Integrated Networks, Inc , Access Point Inc , MCI , Birch Telecom, Covad Communications Company, AT&T, Talk America, Nuvox Communications, Inc , ITC^DeltaCom, Xspedius Communications, Momentum Telecom, Inc , Network Telephone Corp , KMC Telecom, LecStar Telecom, Inc , Z-Tel Communications, Inc , InLine and IDS Telcom LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded electronically and via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to

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on this the 8th day of November, 2004.